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## Foreword

The Village of Paw Paw, Illinois was incorporated in June, 1982. The present village board began early in 1980 to make plans for a centennial celebration by appointing a committee to study the feasibility of such a celebration. From this initial action the Paw Paw Centennial Celebration Limited was formed as a not-for-profit corporation to organize and promote the celebration.

Paw Paw, now with a population of 846, was originally settled a few miles south and east of the village. The current site of the town was originally known as Paw Paw Grove as there were fine groves of trees that bore the small fleshy fruit called a paw paw.

Paw Paw is called the "Gateway to Western Illinois" because it is here the old Fort Dearborn to Galena Trail, known as Chicago Road, meets Angling Road. Angling Road was also a main thorough-fare south and west to Moline and Rock Island and the Mississippi River. The two roads intersect in down-town Paw Paw.

The purpose of the celebration was to promote, encourage and foster civic and patriotic activities and to recognize with joy and pride the local heritage. It was also to have a whole lot of fun. The locally managed celebration was a success due to the dedication and commitment of many of the citizens of the village and the surrounding area. These people volunteered their time, enthusiasm and financial support.

This pictorial account provides a glimpse of the many projects and activities that took place when Paw Paw opened its welcome gates to celebrate its 100th birthday.

The year is 1982.

The time is now, the present.

The subject is "Paw Paw Present".

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## Paw Paw Present

Paw Paw began its second 100 years with a six day celebration from July 20 to July 25, 1982. It was a community effort.



Grace Cornell



Dr. Wayne and Doris Brown, General Chairmen



Horseshoe Tournament, Roger Tarr



Kangaroo Kourt, The Reverends Ken Foster, Tom Shelow and J. Leslie Fox

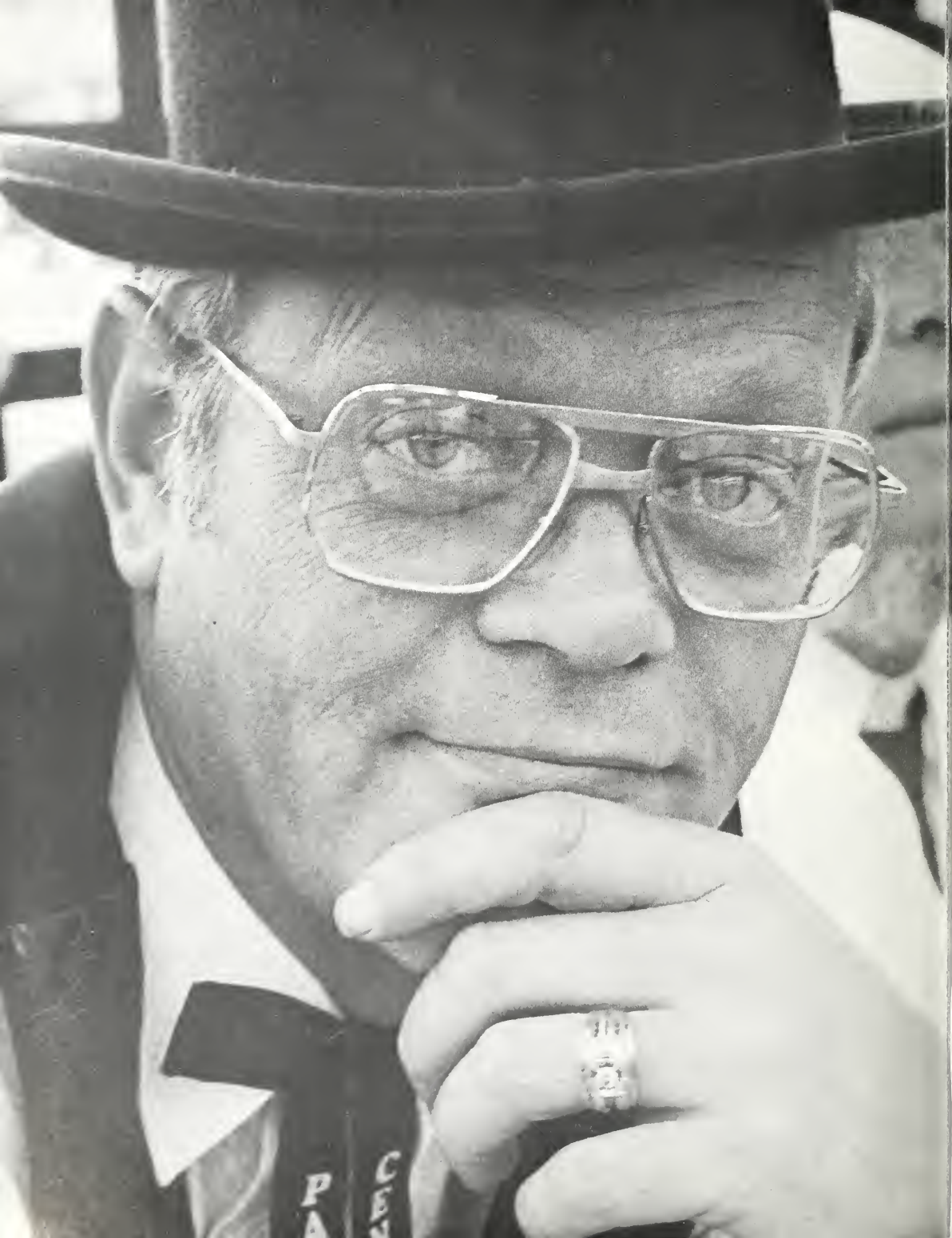


Being deputized by Judge Smith are Brad Wiley and Mark Wennmacher.



Rita and Dick Luce







◀ Ken Foster, Pioneer Day MC interviews Ervin Safranek.

▼ Antique car enthusiasts Bill and Kay Wasilewski



◀ Kangaroo Kourt, Gene Stroyan in the village jail.



Becky Moorehead and Erin ▲

◀ Local news lady, Alice Zeman

JoAnn Kidd in an authentic replica of  
an 1870 dress.







Above: Carmen Jones and Patti Torman with Monkey Cee and Monkey Dew.

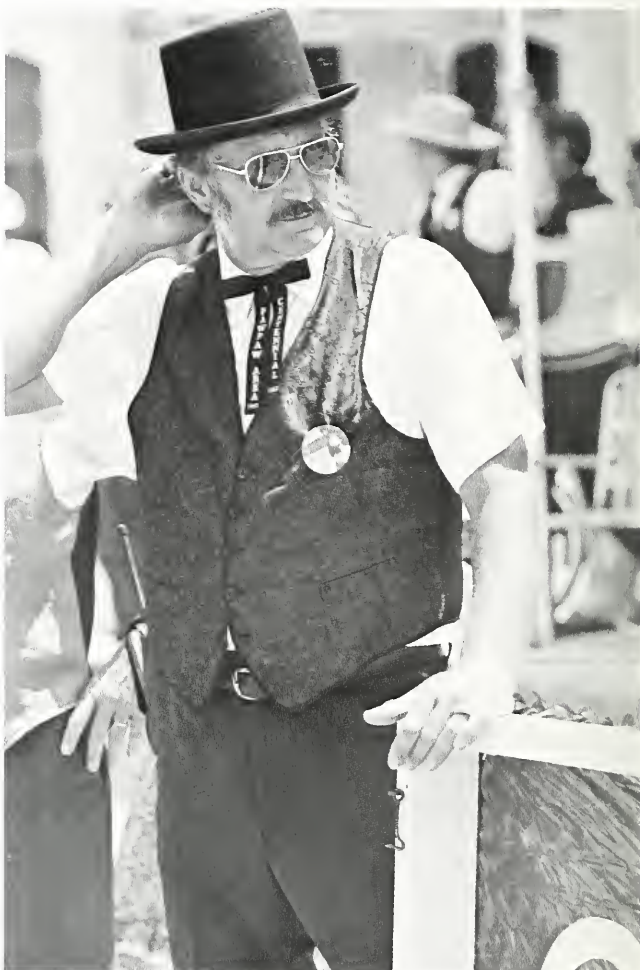
Top: Gayle and Bob Kern with their Model A Ford.

Left: Steve Greengood and George Litow, Pony Express Riders.

Below: Earl Kaiser, traffic controller.

Right: Fire Chief, Bob Torman

Bottom: "Come, join in the Cake Walk" Frieda Shaddick







Left: "Hands up! I want your treasures," Mike Tarr, Jonathan Robinson and Brett Thorsen.

Top: "Come to the pageant, it's a great show" says Dot Brunett.

Above: The David Lampson family in a centennial mood.

Below: Eunice Rogers and Christa Edwards

Next-below: Chuck Marks

Bottom: Judy Frielipp

Right: David Robinson

Bottom right: Sky Drivers







Left: Earlene and Richard Moorehead enjoy their 1928 roadster

BMX racer David Goble. Marvin Leuschke, organizer.

Below: Rita Edwards, a ticket seller

Next below: Bradley Grevenoged and gun.

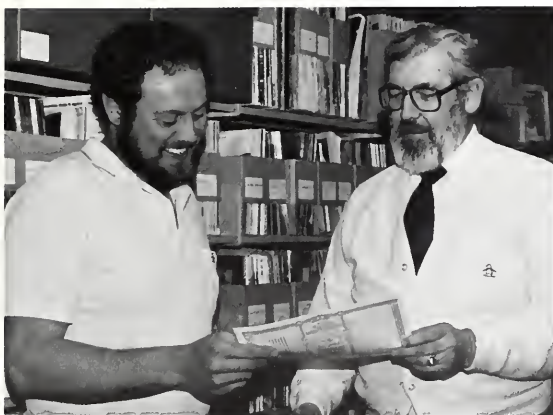
Bottom: Ron Siemers in Kangaroo Kourt jail











Above: Paw Paw's Mayor Robert Rhea received a certificate of centennial stock from George Aderton. The first stock was purchased by the village board. Below: Mark Ward, Paw Paw High School student, won the logo contest. Right: Elizabeth Merriman, Post Master, administered a commemorative stamp. Elizabeth was editor of the Centennial History Book.

# SPECIAL EVENTS I

◀ Birthday Cake with 100 sparkling candles got the centennial rolling nearly one year in advance.



Top: Chet and Sarah Gaines, Centennial Headquarters Chairmen.



Above: Mary Politsch, Pearl Prentice and George Shaddick were honored senior citizens.



Right: Kim Dewey was the store-keeper.



Full picture: The Paw Paw Community Band, directed by Suzan Schlesinger, played at the grand opening of the headquarters. (May 22, 1982)



Top left: Edith Kindelberger, Linda Avery, Donna Pfeifer, Emma Truckenbrod, Minnie Hoelzer and Luella Florschuetz displayed the six quilts and one afghan their groups donated to the centennial for money making projects.

Bottom Left: An attentive group witnessed the grand opening of the headquarters.

Bottom right: Headquarters was a place to register, make purchases, buy tickets and get information.

Insert: Hattie Johnson was also an honored guest.





Below: Judy Robinson, narrator, and Joan Mercer, chairman, of the precentennial style show selected fashions and models for the show.

Right: Tawnya Terry modeled a poor little orphan's dress from a work house of 1900. The orphan girl later became a star of Ziegfeld Follies and Metropolitan Opera fame.

Bottom: Over 350 attended the style show called "Gateway of the Belles" in the High School gym.







Left: Robin Larimore and Michelle Marks modeled dresses worn by Robin's great grandmother (from the Baxter-Schoenholz heirloom collection).

Below: Cathy Safranek, Tracy and Lindsey modeled the late 1890's clothing (Zeman - Ramer collection). Anissa Larabee, Kari Sondgeroth, and Janet Wennmacher wait their turns.



## House Walk

The Sunday afternoon house walk featured the homes of the late Arthur (Squire) Wells built in 1892, the Celesta Shannon home (known as the LaPorte house); the Roger and Dorothy Moorehed home which contains many heirloom articles collected, restored and cherished by the family; and the John and Ethel McLaughlin home (the oldest historic home in the village). The walk ended with a tea at the recently remodeled and expanded home of Ervin and Agnes Safranek.

The oldest house in town owned by John and Ethel McLaughlin was opened to the public on the July 18 house walk.



At a reception the First Lady contestants were honored and the pageant ticket sales began. The committee was Judy Svendsen, Carol Hart, JoAnne Cole and Jan Siemers.

Dorothy Hopkins, a Left-Over, sells tickets to the cake walk.



Kay Kuchel demonstrates a literal cake walk.

Dorothy Wiley passifies the cake walk ticket holders with a piece of edible cake.







The Judge organized Kangaroo Kourt as the crowd gathered across from the centennial headquarters. Chuck Marks, Rodney Anderson and Judge Smith.



Neighboring mayors and local citizens were arrested and tried in Kangaroo Kourt the weeks prior to centennial. Judge Smith arrests Compton's Mayor Val Fishbach and Ron Wagner. He's assisted by jailer Mark Wennmacher and prosecuting attorney, Rodney Anderson..



Both Eric Tarr and Curt Burnett were victims of the Kangaroo Kourt. Don Schlesinger looks on helplessly.



Bill Grove pleads before the Kourt. But, alas, he too was punished.



Even the ladies were arrested. Here, Judy Priellip pleads the case for herself and her fellow defendants. An unsympathetic crowd watches.



Bart Hopkins kidnapped Mary Jo Hatley, Anita Ross and Eileen Spears before they were put in jail at the Kangaroo Kourt.



Paw Paw Mayor Rex Rhea was arrested on trumped-up charges.





The Horseshoe Inn driver, Jerald Grevengeod, drives the get-away wagon with the kidnapped gals Bruce Hopkins assists in the hold up.



Judge Smith was even arrested. Above, he pleads his case to the crowd. The crowd decided his fate.





## SPECIAL EVENTS II

◀David Duncan Larson, painted the Celestial Ball wall mural.





Arts and Crafts, and Collections were exhibited in the grade school gym. Joan Mercer assisted with the Stronghold Booth.



The Belles and Beaus sponsored the Coke Palace. Betty Smith and Carol Jacobsen made many of the arrangements.

For the historical tour the Paw Paw School bus provided the transportation. Ray Schnorr assists.



The beer garden was housed at the fire house. Floyd Dewey and Gene Englehart assisted.



Francis and Irene Fitzpatrick served as chairmen of the Historical Tour.



Lee County Farm Bureau tent, and it's raining.





Duane Herren displayed and sold clocks he makes as a hobby.



Ray Poltsch was MC for most of the tours. Alice Zeman collaborated with the committee and wrote the script for the 25 mile tour.



Melvin Larimore, a fireman, greeted thirsty faces at the beer garden.

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In the beard contest judging line-up are David Larabee, Gary Safrank, Les Fox, Charles Zimmerman, Boh Collier, and Ron Lysland.



In the beard contest judging line-up were Floyd Dewey, Don Schlesinger, Dick Luce, Floyd Sellers, Howard Heiman, Ron Childers, Rich Eggers, Newton Schlesinger and Jon Wiley.



Wayne Brown (MC) and Jim and Eileen Spears discuss the judging at the beard contest.



The Burlington Northern Railroad provided an engine and caboose to walk through. The railroad played an important part in the history of Paw Paw.





Pictured in the beard contest line-up are Jan Prentice, Carrol Collings, Floyd Dewey, Otto Safranek, Floyd Sellers, David Larabee, Elliott Goble, David Lampson, Bill Bittner.



Tom Latimer checks out the interior of the train on display at centennial time.

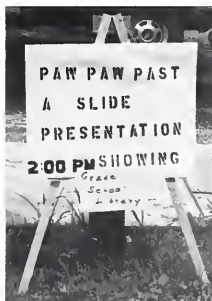


Over 100 quilts were on display in the community building for a fund raising effort sponsored by the MerryGolds.



Jan Prentice was selected as having the Best Centennial Beard.

Ron Childers is consoled by Carmen following the beard judging contest.



"Paw Paw Past," the story of Paw Paw in slides was presented daily by Francis Taber.



Celestial  
Ball



Simone Kern and Jay Hawbaker  
dance at the Celestial Ball.



The Shannanigan's, an 18 piece orchestra, provided the music in the gala decorated high school gym for dancing and entertainment.



Dee and Darlene McLaughlin, ticket chairmen, chat with Gene Martin, a past resident.



Kelli Marks, Melissa Marks Lowe, Eileen Hawbaker Englehart, Debbie Todd Larson, Ellen Wiley Hostetler, and Cheryl Gaines provided half-time entertainment.



Chuck and Kati Marks were Celestial Ball Chairmen.









# SPECIAL DAYS

## Pioneer Day

◀ Representing the mayor from Somonauk was M. A. Shaw riding a 101 year old Columbia bicycle.

Right: Barb McCord and Dorothy Moorehead served soup and corn bread to the opening day crowd.

Below right: Bev Hackman heeds the call "Soup's on."

Below: A soup and cornbread picnic.







Far left: Nancy Larimore, the first Pony Express rider accepted the proclamation on the steps of the Lee County Court House in Dixon. It had come from Springfield. She then joined the other Pony Express riders at the welcome gates in Paw Paw.

Top: Children await the beginning of the open day festivities.

Above: Pearl Rhoads, Mary Lee Rosenkrans and Elmer Rhoads serve 20¢ hotdogs in keeping with old fashioned bargain days on Main Street.

Left: Ellis Gibson, Pony Express Rider approaches the speaker's platform with the official proclamation.



Pony Express rider Ellis Gibson tosses Mayor Rhea the proclamation from Springfield.



Spectators lined main street and enjoyed the centennial festivities.



Above: Paw Paw's past mayors, Harold Torman and Bill Wetzel, arrived in a '26 Chevy and gave some reflections on the growth of Paw Paw as they have seen it.

Above: Pioneer Demonstrations on Main Street included soap making by Florence Smith.

Right: Rob Grevengood demonstrates horseshoeing on Jan Prentice's race horse.







▲ Mayor Robert Rhea officially opened the "Gateway to Western Illinois" by welcoming guests and introducing the visiting communities' representatives.



▲ Mayor Bob Jones, Sublette, and Mayor Ken McCracken, Amboy, brought greetings via railroad hand car.



▲ Dee McLaughlin and Carl Englehart don the necessary tools and clean-up after the horses.

▼ The Welcome Gates were opened by Ervin Safranek and Chester Gaines.







Above: Ken Foster, Master of Ceremonies, introduces the First Lady Candidates.

Right: Carol Jacobsen was crowned First Lady of Paw Paw by Frank Cole and Judy Svendsen.





Left: Myron Kinzler and daughter Marcy Kinzler arrived via stagecoach in a spirited manner, through the welcome gates and down Main Street.

Top: The children staged a mock hold-up and robbed the stage coach of its treasures.

Above: The stage coach lost a wheel.

# Ag. Day



Max Armstrong interviewed Paw's Ann Cole, Lee Co. Beef Queen.





Above: Wayne Bettner and Harold Zinke flipped pancakes at the Farmer's Breakfast.

Bottom right: The Roxbury Whistlestoppers prepared and served the farmers' breakfast. Pictured are: Joyce Bettner, Cliff Schlesinger, Colleen Zinke, and Donna Gilmore.

Left: Donna Heiman makes pancakes for the early morning farmers' breakfast.

Bottom left: The shelter house in the park provided a picnic atmosphere for the noon pork dinner.





Howard Schoenholz introduced the noon show portion of Agriculture Day.



WGN's Max Armstrong made a guest appearance and Max interviewed National Corn Growers' President, Bill Mullins, Shabbona.



The weather was unpredictable but agriculture families gathered for Ag day entertainment.



Roy Breeze won a place in Ag Day's horseshoe tournament.



The Lee County Pork Producers cooked the noon meal on Agriculture Day.







Alice Zeman, local correspondent gave the local news.



Minor Avery reported on the local weather.



Wayne Bettner, tractor pull chairman, takes part in the antique tractor division.  
The tractor pull sled

Agriculture Day's tractor pull crowd







Little League ball players Troy McCord, Kirk Burnett and Don Barkman participated in the youth parade.



Marcy Kinzler helps organize the children on youth day for Games People Play for Youth.

# Youth Day



Little Miss Labor Day, Tammy Barkman, led the Youth and Pet Parade.



Kathy Meyer, director of Games People Play for Youth, gave instructions. Assisting her were Betsy Collings and Sheila Kuhn.



Missey T. J. Rorah drove her pony in the pet parade.



John Jacobs instructs Jason Leuschke and Jason Jacobs at the starting line of the BMX races on Youth Day.



Debbie Spears and the family's float won first prize with the "Paw Paw Patch".



Nathaniel Wallace forms a book end on the Library Award winning float. The caption was "A Good Book is a Friend from End to End."



Nicole Larabee and Brian Kuchel ran in the three-legged race.



Pam Rogers rode her POA pony, "Little Joe".



# Homecoming Day



Lucille LaPorte Plank from Ohio joined Classmate Eulalia Brees for a reunion.



Remembering the good times are: William Wetzel, Kay Rosenkrans, Roberta Taber Wetzel and Teddi Rosenkrans Pohl.



Former students and friends came from all over the country to attend the festivities of the centennial.



Alumni and former teachers gathered in the village park. Pictured are first row Ella Mae Elgin, Geraldine Baker Stroyan, Oleva Eden Johnson. Second row: Hazel Rosenkrans Mizel, Dee Eakle, William Grove, Mary Ellen Ikelier, Hugh Richardson.



Mabel Burnett Carnahan and Bertha Cornell Younkers were honored for being the oldest PPHS graduates present at Homecoming Day. William Grove made the presentation.





William Grove MC for the Alumni Awards and Presentations asked former graduates of Paw Paw High School to come to the stage. Those present were: Chester Gaines, Orion Hunter, Irvington Huff (back to camera), Dorothy Martin Weilert, Walter Berry (back to camera), Ruth Politsch Griffith, Charlotte Town Ambler, Frances Martin Davis, Lois Michels Tabor, Francis Tabor, William Grove.



In addition to a band concert in the band shell by the Alumni Band, Jan Rosenkrans Eaton and her husband Michael from Florida entertained with guitar and vocal music.



Dorothy Wiley, Homecoming Day Chairman, watches with an enthusiastic audience the alumni entertainment.

# Parade Day



Englehart's John Deere won 2nd Place in the Commercial float division. Orville Englehart is seated by the plow.



Wayne and Doris Brown, general chairman of the Centennial rode in Dr. Brown's '26 Chevy.



The Paw Paw Lions Club won a prize in the non-profit division. Pictured are Judy Despain, Jessica Smith and Ed Despain.





World War I Veterans Mef Bullis and George Schweiger weathered a hot July day in a convertible driven by John Josephsen.



Carol Jacobsen, Paw Paw's First Lady for the Centennial, is driven in the parade by Gayle Willard Kern.



First Lady Contest runners-up rode in the parade. Pictured are: Jean Cooke Woods, Christa Rogers Edwards, Dorothy Jones Moorehead.



Tina Jones, Gayle Brown and Sherrie Helms ride on Safranek's Market Basket float.



Verucchi's of Spring Valley was 3rd Place Winner.



Robin Larimore and Bob Steele ride in the surrey with the fringe on top for the parade.





Becki Eich, Karen Aderton and Jan Wennmacher adorn the State Bank of Paw Paw float that featured a German band.



Kelli Marks entered a birthday cake float.



Carolyn and Jim Bond and Mrs. Illinois, Sue Combs from Rockford ride in a surrey.



Floyd Dewey drove the 1914 Overland. His passengers in the parade were Hattie Johnson, Mary Politsch and Ruth Luce.



Thousands of balloons filled the air for a grand finale to the parade. They came by truck from the Rollo Grain Elevator.



Representing the old circuit rider and wife are Rev. J. Leslie Fox and wife, Evelyn.



Pfeifer's Garage entry "The Way We Were" was #1 in the commercial floats. Dean Pfeifer, driver. Roger Simpson, rider.



Over 5000 people lined the sidewalks and watched the 2½ hour parade.





The Grevengood family (Steve, Sheri, Neva and Jerald) went pioneer for the parade with their horse and wagon.



The Bible Church float riders were Mirian Wallace, Stephen Williams, David Hulthen, Carol Hulther and Lisa Hulthen. "Jesus Christ the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever"



Baptist Church School float. Judy and Becki Tarr, Whitney Foster, Toni and Tara Reid, Kim Meyer, Chris and Nikki Barr, Cheri Tarr, David Goble and Hope Frederickson.



Rosina and Bill Bittner's entry said, "Paw Paw 100 years, The Bittners, 30 years."



The Rosenkrans reunion. Pictured are: Mary Lee and Harlan Rosenkrans and Stacey Wright, Carl and Edith Rosenkrans Kindelberger.

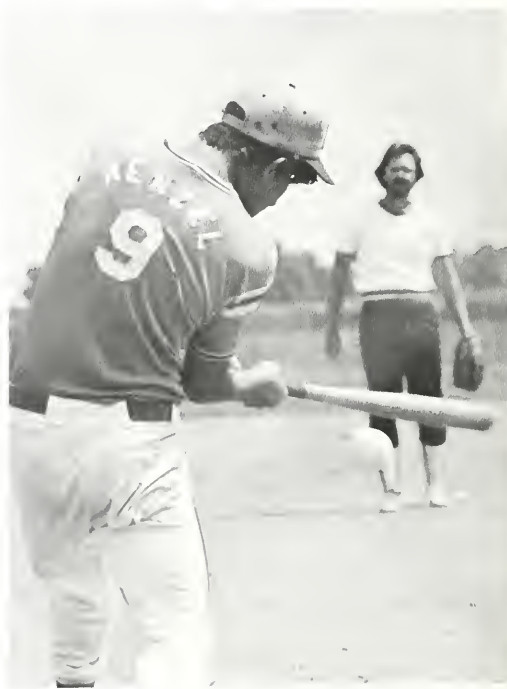
## Brotherhood Day



Chester Gaines and Murl Zuber made the arrangements for the Time Capsule ceremony and burial of the vault. They secured a head stone. The vault will be opened in 2007.



Loren Rosenkrans coaches the Horseshoe Inn hall players for Sunday afternoon fun.



The Paw Paw team won the softball tournament held the Sunday afternoon of the centennial.





Representatives from all the churches in the community area took part in the church in the park. Rev. Tom Shelow gave the message.



The Community Choir lead by Ken Foster provided special music for Ecumenical Church in the Park on Brotherhood Day.



Church in the park was well attended.



Herbert Volkert and Dee McLaughlin say farewell. The Volkert family came "home" from North Carolina.







Stage builder, David Larabee

# PAGEANT



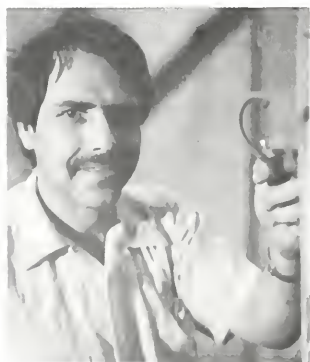
Pageant audience.



The Scenario and Title Committee were Christa Edwards, Anita Craddock, Mary Ann Hawbaker, Earlene Moorehead, Linda Englehart, and Arlene Town.



Art and Props committee workers were Marilyn Ward and Mary Jo Hatley.



Pageant Lighting was directed by LaVern Hawbaker.



Direction and Narration was handled by Carolyn Bond and Robert Mercer.





The audience awaits the pageant production.



Picture Books were being sold by Gayle Brown and Gerri Burnett.



Mark Bittner helped the audience reminisce about Harry Town's ice cream parlor.



Sherri Helm applies make-up to Raquel Luce.



Tribute to the Pioneers - Jim Archer.



Sound man Bill Pitzer



Six in Song provided vocal music for the pageant. They are Debbie Larabee, Rita Lucco, Lori Safranek, Lois Ross, Neva Grevengeod, Ethel Rhea, Judy Burgess at Piano.



Music was provided by a Community Band.



There were square dancers.



The Community Choir provided vocal music in the section called "Homage to Religious Heritage".



School Days was led by Arlene Town. Her students were Amy Leuschke, Kristel Rhea, Michelle Tucker, John Kuchel and Carson Craddock.





"Passengers who stopped over" were Gayle and Bob Kern.



Reminiscing at the Lee County Times were Bruce Wheeler and William Grove.

Gerry Stroyan helped tell the Paw Paw story by reading from a Lee County Times.



Robert Mercer was narrator for the pageant.

Otto Safraneck, the baker.



A patriotic scene featured Legion members Bill Latimer, Murl Zuber, William Wetzel and Richard Moorehead.



In a street scene are local citizens at the LaPorte Grocery Store. Shown are Lola Pierce, Phoebe Kaiser, Frieda Shaddick, Avery Merriman and Roberta Wetzel.



World War I Veterans Mef Bullis and George Schweiger participated in the scene "Gratitude to its Soldiers".









Jacks and Queens of Diamonds

# BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH CENTENNIAL BELLES





Pioneer Skirts & Bloomer Girls



The Mystery Belles

First row: Debbie Dewey, Jan Wennmacher, Kim Dewey, Melanie Anderson.

Second row: Carol Hoelzer, Dede Prentice, Colene Stemen, Susan Pohl.





The Teen Belles

Front row: Leah Robinson, Kathy Lysland, Kelly Dewey.

Second row: Rhonda Heiman, Sandy Rhoads, Kim Rhea, Jennifer Bond.



*Slimline Belles*

Front row: Hazel McCord, Viola Greskiewicz, Ada E. Simpson, Loeta Marks.

Second row: Linda Avery, Pearl McLaughlin, Jacquelin Hanson, Shirley Suddeth.

Third Row: Doris Yenerich, Rita M. Edwards, Beulah Eitzbach.





*The Incredible Ten*

Front row: Anita Hopkins, Cathy Safranek, Eileen Spears.

Second row: LuAnn Beck, Margaret Burnham, Nora Beck, Dawn Ross.

Third row: Tina Jones, Christi Ross, Becki Moorehead.



The Left-Overs

Front row: Gwen Ketchum, Sheila Foster, Patricia Zuber, Frieda Shaddick.

Second row: Dorothy Wiley, Kay Kuchel, Ev Fox, Dorothy Hopkins.





Belles and Beaus

Front row: Stan Hart, Carol Hart, Joan Buffington, Jon Buffington.

Second row: Jim Jacobsen, Carol Jacobsen, Celesta Shannon, Christa Edwards, Curtis Edwards.



Jacks of Diamonds and the Queens of Diamonds

On the Ground: Simone Kern

Front row: Eloise Tarr, Gerri Stroyan, Lucille Breeze, Verdell Wheeler, Hazel Grove, Ardith Politsch, Sarah Gaines.

Second row: Marion Hunter, Orion Hunter, Roger Tarr, Ray Stroyan, Bruce Wheeler, William Grove, Elmer Politsch, Chester Gaines, Hugh Richardson, Joan Richardson.



Bonnie Belles and Mule Skippers

Front row: Terry Razvi, Mary Razvi.

Second row: Terry Ambler, Sue Ambler, Otto Safranek, June Safranek, Amber Prentice, Jan Prentice, Kathy Meyer, Jerry Meyer.





Middle Age Crazies and Easy Riders

Front row: Rita Luce, Dean Pfeifer, Helen Pfeifer, Marilyn Ward, Kay Kuchel, Jan Siemers, Ron Siemers.

Second row: Richard Luce, Suzan L. Schlesinger, Don Schlesinger, Rodney R. Prielipp, Judy Prielipp, Ken Kaiser, Dixie Dewey, Floyd Dewey, Betty Kaiser, Marvin Leuschke, Deana Leuschke.



Mini Belles and Brothers

Front row: Scott McCord, Judy Tarr

Second row: Kirk Burnett, Don Barkman, Chantel Craddock, Troy McCord, Richard Slamans, Troy Buffington, Cheryl Znaniecki.



The Jalopies

Richard Moorehead, Wayne Brown, Bob Kern, Bill Wasilewski.





Golden Belles and Boys

Front row: Orville Englehart, Dora Englehart, Grace Cornell, Thelma R. Schert, Phoebe Kaiser, Lulu Merriman.

Second row: Bill Wetzel, Roberta Wetzel, Maxine Oftedal, Helen Walters, Earl Kaiser.

Last row: Ruth Eden, Maxine Wiley, Avery Merriman, Andy Oftedal, Gus Walters.



*Prairie Skirts and Bloomer Girls*

Front row: Dot Brunett, Carmen Childers, Gayle Kern, Pat Torman.

Second row: Bobbi Politsch, Jan Aderton, Joan Mercer, Gerri Burnett, Kati Marks, Jan Torman, Doris Brown.



Wisconsin Wheelers and Dealers

Front row: George P. Aderton, Robert J. Rhea, Jr.

Second row: Delbert R. McCord, Charles F. Marks, Curtis C. Burnett.

Last row: George R. Brunett, Ronald E. Childers.





Roxbury Whistlestopper Belles and Brushes

Front row: Joyce Bettner, Wayne Bettner, June Adel Schlesinger, Cliff Schlesinger, Donna Gilmore, Ed Gilmore.

Second row: Stanley Hoelzer, Marilyn Hoelzer, Chalden Challand, Donna Challand, Howard Heiman, Donna Heiman, Collen Zinke, Harold Zinke.



The Bad News Brothers

Front row: Brian Pfeifer, Dennis V. Hart, Bart Hopkins.

Second row: Brad Wiley, Ron Siemers, Norman Rogers.



Paw Paw Fire Department,  
Hose Benders, Company A

First row:

Murl Zuber, Roger Tarr, Jay  
Hawbaker, Wes Terry, Earl Kaiser,  
Dave Larabee, Elliott Goble,  
Charles Marks, Don Schlesinger,  
Delbert McCord.

Second row:

Tom Meyer, Gene Englehart, Dean  
Pfeifer, Jim Spears, Don Pierce,  
Floyd Dewey, Charles Hammond,  
Bob Torman, Minor Avery, Gary  
Donavan.



Pony Express Riders and Belles

Paul Helgren, Mike Malnic, Cindy  
Malnic, Janet Combs, Ralph Combs,  
Lisa Boysen, Pat Combs, Steve  
Grevengood, George Litow, Ed  
Quinn, Robin Larimore, Bob  
Steele, Nancy Larimore, Safety  
Car drivers John and Sue Ploplis,  
LeAnn Whitlock, Ellis Gibson,  
Ed Abbott, Marion Abbott,  
Margaret Gibson, Peg Nelson,  
Rick Nelson, Ila Mac Nelson, Rob  
Swartz, Nancy Gibson, Alvin  
Gibson, Mare Brown, Jim Brown.





## PEOPLE INVOLVED

# Centennial Committees

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General Chairmen . . . . . Dr. Wayne Brown, Doris Brown  
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Secretary . . . . . Betty Kaiser

Advisor . . . . . Dick O'Kane  
Attorney . . . . . George Litow  
Headquarters Chairmen . . . . . Chester Gaines, Sarah Gaines  
Student's Activities Coordinator . . . . . Connie Avery  
Special Events Division . . . . . Gary Safranek, Lori Safranek  
Special Days Division . . . . . Dorothy Hopkins  
Revenue Division . . . . . Minor Avery, Don Schlesinger  
Spectacle (Pageant) Division . . . . . Earlene Moorehead  
Publicity Division . . . . . David Robinson  
Men's and Women's Participation Division . . . . . Jim Spears, Eileen Spears  
First Lady Contest & Spectacle Ticket Division . . . . . Frank Cole, JoAnne Cole  
Lions Club Representative . . . . . Duane Herren

## CORPORATION OFFICERS

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Vice-President . . . . . Doris Brown  
Secretary . . . . . George Litow  
Assistant Secretary . . . . . Betty Kaiser  
Treasurer . . . . . Curtis Burnett  
Assistant Treasurer . . . . . Donald Schlesinger  
Incorporators . . . . . Minor Avery, Connie Avery, Don Schlesinger,  
Doris Brown, Duane Herren, David  
Robinson, Wayne Brown







# SPECIAL EVENTS

Gary Safranek and Lori Safranek

## Exhibits - Arts and Crafts and Collections

Freda Schlesinger  
Newton Schlesinger  
Chuck Hammond  
Eunice Rogers

## "Paw Paw Past"

### a Slide Presentation

Francis Taber  
Lois Taber  
Darrell Smith  
Carl Kindelberger

## Historical Tours

Francis Fitzpatrick  
Irene Fitzpatrick  
Elliott Goble  
Betty Goble  
Ray Politsch  
Bill Woods  
Jean Woods  
Art Shaddick  
Thelma Shaddick  
Stanley Rosenkrans  
Bill Atherton  
Peg Atherton  
Wes Terry  
Eva Terry  
Alice Zeman  
George Zeman  
Tom Shelow  
Barb McCord  
Ray Schnorr  
Gladys Schnorr  
Linda Herren  
Dick Moorehead  
Alan Zeman  
David Goble

## Style Show

Joan Mercer  
Jan Torman  
Rita Lilja  
Charlotte Ambler  
Dot Burnett  
Gayle Kern  
Doris Latimer  
John Nicholson  
Judy Robinson

## Housewalk

Simone Kern  
Jay Hawbaker  
Celeste and Mike Shannon  
Ethel and John McLaughlin  
Dorothy and Roger Moorehead  
Aggie and Ervin Safranek  
Rita Wells Chestnut and  
Daughters

## Celestial Ball

Charles Marks  
Kati Marks  
Bill Town  
Arlene Town  
Melissa Lowe  
Hal Lowe  
Kelli Marks  
David Larson  
Darlene McLaughlin  
Dee McLaughlin

## Street Dance

Gary Safranek  
Lori Safranek

## Coke Palace

Carol Jacobson  
Jim Jacobson  
Darrell Smith  
Betty Smith  
Stan Hart  
Carol Hart  
Marv Leuschke  
Deanna Leuschke  
Jon Buffington  
Joan Buffington

## Beer Garden

Bob Torman  
Charles Marks  
Delbert McCord  
Bill Wasilewski  
Dave Larabee  
The Firemen and Wives

## Quilt Show

Mary Larson  
Phoebe Kaiser  
Ella Bittner  
Gladys Rosenkrans

## Railroad Display

Tom Paradis  
Darrel Smith  
Scott McLaughlin

# SPECIAL DAYS

Dorothy Hopkins, Chairman

## Pioneer Day (Tuesday)

Dee McLaughlin  
Darlene McLaughlin  
Mary Larson  
Cecil Larson  
Phoebe Kaiser  
Ella Bittner  
Gladys Rosenkrans  
Alan Hoelzer  
Ellis Gibson  
Margaret Gibson  
Shelly Safranek  
Mary Lee Rosenkrans  
Harlan Rosenkrans  
Library Board  
Myron Kinzler  
Robert Rhea, Jr.  
Ken Foster  
Dorothy Moorehead  
Edith Kindelberger  
Ervin Safranek

## Agriculture Day (Wednesday)

Howard Heiman  
Donna Heiman  
Clifford Schlesinger  
June Adel Schlesinger  
Wayne Bettner  
Joyce Bettner  
Howard Schoenholz  
Bernice Schoenholz  
Stanley Hoelzer  
Marilyn Hoelzer  
Dale Breeze  
William Bittner  
Doug Schnorr and FFA  
Ed Gilmore  
Donna Gilmore  
Chaldon Challand  
Donna Challand  
Harold Zinke  
Colleen Zinke

## Young America Day (Thursday)

Bart Hopkins  
Kim Dewey  
Kathy Meyer  
Jerry Meyer  
John Jacobs  
Jacque Jacobs  
Marvin Leuschke

## Homecoming Day (Friday)

Dorothy Wiley  
Rita Luce  
Amber Prentice  
Helen Pfeifer  
Lois Ross  
William Grove

## Parade & Celestial Ball Day (Saturday)

Roger Tarr  
Lloyd Politsch  
Chuck Marks  
Kati Marks

## Brotherhood Day (Sunday)

Les Fox  
Ken Foster  
Walter Baker  
Tom Shelow  
Jerry Meyer  
Kathy Meyer  
Gary Safranek  
Chet Gaines  
Charles Kuhn  
Murl Zuber



# REVENUE DIVISION

Don Schlesinger

Curtis Burnett

Minor Avery

Gerri Burnett

## Souvenir

### Stock Committee

George Aderton  
Ardith Politsch  
William Woods  
Richard Moorehead  
Jim Bond  
Stanley Hoelzer  
William Grove  
Chester Gaines  
Loeta Marks  
Wayne Bettner  
Stanley Rosenkrans  
Terry Ambler  
Rich Eggers  
Nancy Eggers  
Frieda Shaddick  
Frank Cole  
Ervin Safraneck  
Elliott Goble  
Edgar Florschuetz

## History Book

Elizabeth Merriman  
Eulalia Breese  
Vernon Merriman  
Frieda Shaddick  
Sue Ambler  
Chuck Hammond  
Lola Pierce  
Donna Heiman  
Archie Merriman  
Connie Avery  
Scott McLaughlin  
Henry Faber  
Mildred Rosenkrans  
Alice Zeman

## History Book Solicitors

Edgar Florschuetz  
Luella Florschuetz  
Louise Zuber  
Murl Zuber  
Ed Pfeifer, Jr.  
William Grove  
A. C. Burnett  
Andy Oftedal  
Mary Ann Hawbaker  
Harold Torman  
Avery Merriman  
LuLu Merriman  
Raymond Stroyan

## Quilt Committee

Linda Avery  
Luella Florschuetz  
Edith Kindelberger  
Donna Pfeifer  
Minnie Hoelzer  
Emma Truckenbrod

## Novelties

Loeta Marks  
Rita Edwards  
Jacki Hanson  
Hazel McCord  
Ardith Politsch

## Picture Book

Produced by  
David Robinson  
Doris Brown  
Gerri Burnett  
Dot Brunett  
Carmen Childers  
Gayle Kern  
Pat Terman  
Roberta Politsch  
Jean Mercer  
Kati Marks  
Jan Terman  
Jan Aderton

Photographs by  
David Robinson  
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Richard Bettner  
Jerry Ketchum

## Sponsorship

Darlene Eich  
Robert Eich

## Cook Book

Donna Pfeifer  
Mary Bettner  
Wyoming Homemakers  
Extension Unit

## OTHER COMMITTEES

### Historical Window Displays

Mary McNeilly  
Louise Zuber  
Thelma Schert

### Street Decorations and Merchant Coordinator

Ervin Safranek

### Traffic and Safety

Earl Kaiser  
Murl Zuber  
Ken Kaiser

### Music

Ken Kaiser  
Suzan Schlesinger

### Hospitality

Mayor Robert Rhea  
Ethel Rhea

### Village Beautification

Kay Chapman  
Don Chapman  
Derry Fredrickson  
Lloyd Politsch

### First Lady Competition

JoAnne Cole  
Frank Cole  
Ron Siemers  
Jan Siemers  
Judy Svendsen  
Harold Svendsen  
Stan Hart  
Carol Hart

### Student Activities'

#### Coordination

Connie Avery  
Connie Hammond  
Sharon Paradis  
Claudette Tarr

### BMX Races

Marvin Leuschke  
Paul Rauschenberger  
John Jacobs  
Lance Wallace  
Curt Burnett  
Dave Lampson  
Mike Williams

### Grounds Committee

Dean Pfeifer  
Boy Scouts  
Girl Scouts  
Boy and Girl Scout Leaders

### Time Capsule

Chester Gaines  
Murl Zuber  
Legion and Legionaries

### Sky Divers

Roger Tarr  
Chester Gaines

## MEN AND WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

Jim Spears and Eileen Spears

### Clothing

Becky Moorehead  
Kerry Moorehead  
Connie Hammond

### Scheduling

Anita Hopkins

### Caravans

June Safranek  
Otto Safranek

### Kangaroo Kourt

Darrell Smith  
Mark Wenmacher  
Brad Wiley  
Carol Latham  
Charles Marks  
Bart Hopkins  
Les Fox  
Rod Anderson  
Don Schlesinger  
George Litow

### Beard Contest

Jim Spears  
Wayne Brown

# PUBLICITY DIVISION

David Robinson

## Press and Photography

David Robinson

Alice Zeman

Richard Bettner

Jerry Ketchum

Richard Luce

## Correspondence

### Committee

Kati Marks

Joyce O'Neal

# CENTENNIAL HEADQUARTERS

Chester Gaines and Sarah Gaines

## Store Keeper

Kim Dewey

# PAGEANT

Earlene Moorehead, Chairman

Carolyn Bond, Director

Arlene Town, Assistant

Robert Mercer, narrator

## Musicians

Judy Burgess, Pianist

Six in Song

Community Band

Community Choir

Darrell Smith

## Scenario

Earlene Moorehead, Chairman

Arlene Town

Linda Englehart

Christa Edwards

Mary Ann Hawbaker

Anita Craddock

Geraldine Stroyan

Darlene McLaughlin

Jan Aderton

Don Schoenholz

Cindy Knapp

Bruce Wheeler

Charles Hammond

## Sound

Ken Kaiser

Pittsley Sound

## Makeup

Jamie Rauschenberger,

Chairman

Debra Spears

Judy Svendsen

Sherrie Helms

## Dancers

Wayne Todd, Chairman

S and H Squares



# PUBLICITY DIVISION, cont.

David Robinson

## Props

Marilyn Ward, Chairman  
Anita Craddock  
Jamie Rauschenberger  
Linda Englehart  
Barbara Rosenwinkel  
Nancy Eggers  
Kris Eggers  
Michelle Tucker  
Monita DeClerk  
Eloise Tarr  
Lori Miller  
Dan Ward  
Mark Ward

## Cast

Kay Kuchel

## Costumes

Dorothy Moorehead,  
Chairman  
Charlotte Lampson  
Mary Bettner  
Sharon Paradis  
Elaine Slamans

## Seating and Ticket Sales

Frank Cole, Chairman  
JoAnne Cole  
Frank Cole, Jr.  
Ben Cole  
John NicholSEN  
Loren Rosenkrans  
Dave Larabee  
Don Sellers  
Chuck Sellers  
John Nicholson, Jr.  
Harold Svendsen  
Carol Hart  
Judy Svendsen

## Lighting

Reuben Hawbaker  
Pittsley Lighting

## Stage

Duane Herren, Chairman  
Gary Donovan  
Rod Prielipp  
Paul Rauschenberger  
Wes Terry  
Charles Hammond  
Dick Moorehead  
Keith Collins  
Roger Moorehead  
Ron Schoenholz  
Howard Rogers  
Roger Tarr  
Croft Products of Aurora

## Stage Hands

Murl and Louise Zuber,  
Chairman  
Ray Hawbaker  
Dennis Craddock  
David Larabee  
Tony Tarr  
Randall Grinka

## Pageant Cast

Troy McCord  
Jessica Smith  
Robin Ritchie  
Mary Smith  
Ron Childers  
Jeff Jacobsen  
Ken Meyer  
Arlene Town  
Michelle Tucker  
Kristel Rhea  
John Kuchel  
Carson Craddock  
Steve Herren

## Pageant Cast, contd.

Clayton Johnson  
Roy Breese  
Clyde Jones  
Kristie Ross  
Coletta McCadden  
Roger Moorehead  
Stanley Rosenkrans  
Rex Rhea  
Jennifer Bond  
Jim Bond  
Kery Kuchel  
Tanya Spears  
Chris Hopkins

## Pageant Cast, contd.

Drew Anderson  
Jeff Peterson  
Dan Kaiser  
David Lilya  
Bob Kern  
Carl Kindelberger  
Ethel McLaughlin  
Daryl Rosenkrans  
Loren Rosenkrans  
Mark Rhoads  
Mark Bittner  
April Ritchie  
Otto Safranek

## Pageant Cast, contd.

Jason Leuschke  
Amy Leuscake  
Duane Herren  
Jackie Hanson  
Leah Robinson  
Ron Siemers  
Grevengood Families  
Randall Town  
Lindsay Porter  
Brian Kuchel  
Amber Florscheutz  
Whitney Foster  
Nick Safranek  
Chris Safranek  
Geoff Bond  
David Goble  
Rick Siemers  
Tom Breese  
Mike Rauschenberger  
Six in Song  
Dee McLaughlin  
Darlene McLaughlin  
Helen Pfeifer  
Jenny Pfeifer  
Aaron Robinson  
Jonathon Robinson  
Elaine Slamas  
Phoebe Kaiser  
Linda Avery  
Robertta Wetzel  
Earl Kaiser  
Lola Pierce  
Avery Merriman  
Carol Jacobsen  
Dorothy Wiley  
Kris Eggers

## Pageant Cast, contd.

Judi Tarr  
Becki Tarr  
Cherri Tarr  
Mike Tarr  
Connie Hammond  
Jean Mercer  
Thelma Schert  
Dixie Dewey  
Lulu Merriman  
Lois Taber  
Louise Zuber  
Claudette Tarr  
Doris Brown  
Wayne Brown  
Dee McLaughlin  
Avery Merriman  
Earl Kaiser  
Rita Edwards  
Les Fox  
Bill Grove  
Geraldine Stroyan  
Bruce Wheeler  
Randy Jacobsen  
Randy Luce  
Ron Luce  
Slade Browder  
Conrad Smith

## Pageant Cast, contd.

Linda Herren  
Bill Woods  
Jean Woods  
Ed Gilmore  
Donna Gilmore  
Howard Heiman  
Betty Smith  
Dona Archer  
Tiffany Archer  
Donna Heiman  
Stanley Hoelzer  
Marilyn Hoelzer  
Cliff Schlesinger  
June Adel Schlesinger  
Wayne Bettner  
Joyce Bettner  
Chal Challand  
Donna Challand  
Harold Zinke  
Colleen Zinke  
Laura Herren  
Kim Rhea  
Kari Rhea  
Nancy Eggars  
Susie Eggars  
Tony Eggars  
Justin Eggars  
Jason Eggars  
Paw Paw Firemen  
Bill Wetzel  
Bill Latimer  
Murl Zuber  
Dick Moorehead  
Mefflin Bullis  
George Schweiger

